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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PAKISTANI REACTION TO NAC MEMBER-
SHIP DECISION

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONFERENCE DECISION TO ADNFT TREATY MEMBERS AS GUESTS WITH PAKISTAN EMBASSY OFFICER AHMED MRONING AUGUST 14. AHMED REFLECTED NO EXCITEMENT OVER DECISION AND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO PURSUE MEMBERSHIP IMMEDIATELY. BASIC PREMISE BEHIND PAKISTANI POSITION WAS THATNRT MUST BE ASSURED OF FAVORABLE ACTION BEFORE SUBMITTING FORMAL APPLICATION.

2. AHMEND CALLED ATTENTION TO STATEMENT MADE AT FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING YESTERDAY AND ISSUED TO PRESS BY HEAD OF SAUDI DELEGATION, AMBASSADOR KABBANI, KABBANI HAD INTRODUCED PAKISTANI MEMBERSHIP INTO FOREIGN MINISTERS' DELIBERATIONS ON THURSDAY AFTER LIBYAN DEL HAD PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF THE MALDIVES FROM THE FLOOR. KABBANI ON FIRDAY SAID HIS EARLIER INTERVENTION HAD "CREATED SOME MISUNDERSTANDING". HE HAD NOW ASCERTAINED THAT "WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN WAS INTERESTED IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, THEY WOULD NOT APPLY TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT IN ANY CAPACITY UNLESS THERE WAS A CONSENSUS

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IN PAKISTAN'S FAVOR". HE CLARIFIED THAT PAKISTAN HAD NOT

APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP SO FAGBAND ID NOT WISH TO PROCEED
ANY FURTHER.

3. ACCORDING TO AHMED, SAUDI DEL ON ANOTHER OCCASION DURING
PLENARY MEETING HAD INFORMED MINISTERS THAT THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE WOULD BE ARRIVING SHORTLY
IN COLOMBO AND SUGGESTED THAT HE BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
MEETINGS. THIS PROPOSAL WAS SECONDED BY SENEGAL. IN THE
ADSENCE OF ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE CHAIRPULED IN FAVOR.
(COMMENT: AT PRESS BRIEFING AT END OF THE DAY, CONFERENCE
SECRETARY MENDIS MADE A POINT OF SAYING THAT ISLAMIC SECRETARY
GENERAL ABDUL-KARIM GAYE (SENEGAL) WOULD BE ATTENDING IN A
PERSONAL CAPACITY AND THAT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ITSELF DID NOT
HAVE STATUS AT CONFERENCE.)

4. ACCORDING TO PAKS, ROMANIAN APPLICATION SUCCEDED BECAUSE
OF STRENUOUS AND EFFECTIVE YUGOSLAV SUPPORT. UNDER THIS
INTERPRETATION, PHILIPPINES AND PORTUGAL RODE IN ON ROMANIAN
COATTAILS.
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